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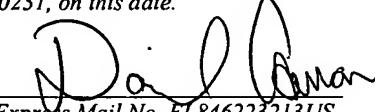
For: MAGNETIC THIN FILM,
MAGNETIC THIN FILM
FORMING METHOD, AND
RECORDING HEAD

Art Unit: 1742

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S. Shaeffer PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 8 and add new claims 9 and 10 as follows:

B1 1. [Amended] A magnetic thin film, characterized by being a polycrystalline film comprising:

Fe whose content is not less than 57.5 atomic% and not more than 94.5 atomic%;